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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Leo Harris Rector of Champaign, who passed away on November 21, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Rector was born near Afton, Oklahoma on August 18, 1919 to John F. and Edna Harris Rector; he graduated from Urbana High School in 1938 and completed his junior year at the University of Illinois in forestry before he was drafted into the military in June of 1941; he graduated from Officer Candidate School in October of 1942 and served as company commander of the 1751st Ordnance Supply Company of the 8th Air Force, 388 Bomb Group in England from April of 1943 to June of 1945; he was discharged on May 3, 1936, achieving the rank of major; he married Juanita Fern "Little Bird" Acton on August 3, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Rector owned and operated "Rectors on West Church", an ice cream and sandwich shop on West Church Street in Champaign from 1946 to 1952; he began his long career with Eisner Food Stores in 1952, beginning as store manager and rising quickly to head grocery buyer for Eisner Jewel Food Stores; he retired in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Rector was active with the Boy Scouts

1 Arrowhead Council for many years; he was proud that he was an
2 Eagle Scout and that his sons, Michael and Jon, also achieved
3 that honor; he was a member of several organizations, which
4 included the American Legion, the Ansar Shrine, the C-U Elks,
5 the University Club, and the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a
6 life member; he was also a member of First Presbyterian Church
7 in Champaign; and

8 WHEREAS, Leo Rector was preceded in death by his parents;
9 his siblings, Bernice LaFuze, Fern Atwood, Dennis Rector, Earl
10 Rector, John Rector, and Orton Rector; and his son, Carl; and

11 WHEREAS, Leo Rector is survived by his wife, Juanita; his
12 sons, Michael (Ellen) Rector and Jon (Cathy) Rector; his
13 grandchildren, David Rector, Jason (Lisa) Rector, Collin
14 Rector, Brian Rector, Aaron (Helen) Adsit, and Colleen Adsit
15 (Michael) Stoltz; his great-grandchildren, Kynzee Rector,
16 Sophia Stoltz, and William Stoltz; and his brother, Paul
17 Rector; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Leo Harris Rector, and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family Leo Rector of as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.